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UNITED STATES GRADES FOR SHELLED WHITE SPANISH PEANUTS.

Recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture.

THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS of the United States Department of Agriculture recommends the following grades as a standard for grading and marketing shelled White Spanish peanuts in the United States. Following investigations covering a period of three years, these grades were suggested tentatively in May, 1921. Since that time they have been used by the peanut shellers and their selling agencies in the southeastern peanut section, comprising the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. The results obtained have been so satisfactory that probably the majority of sales of shelled White Spanish peanuts in the United States are now made on this basis.

The Food Products Inspection Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has been extended to provide for the inspection of White Spanish peanuts on the basis of United States grades when received in the terminal markets of the country.

GRADES.

U. S. NO. 1.

U. S. No. 1 shall consist of shelled White Spanish peanuts which are whole and free from small shriveled or noticeably discolored peanuts and from unshelled, damaged, or moldy peanuts and foreign material.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 1 per cent, by weight, may consist of other varieties of peanuts; not more than 2 per cent, by weight, of split or broken kernels; not more than 2 per cent, by weight, of small shriveled peanuts; not more than ½ per cent, by weight, of unshelled, damaged, or moldy peanuts; not more than ¼ per cent, by weight, of foreign material; and not more than 1 per cent, by weight, may consist of peanuts with noticeably discolored skins which are otherwise of U. S. No. 1 grade, but of this amount not more than ¼ may be badly discolored.

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U. S. NO. 1 SPLITS.

U. S. No. 1 Splits shall consist of shelled White Spanish peanuts which are split or broken, which are free from small shriveled or noticeably discolored peanuts and from unshelled, damaged, or moldy peanuts and foreign material.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 1 per cent, by weight, may consist of other varieties of peanuts; not more than 10 per cent, by weight, of whole peanuts; not more than 2 per cent, by weight, of small pieces of peanuts, or small shriveled peanuts; not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, by weight, of unshelled, damaged, or moldy peanuts; not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent, by weight, of foreign material; and not more than 1 per cent, by weight, may consist of peanuts with noticeably discolored skins which are otherwise of U. S. No. 1 Splits grade, but of this amount not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ may be badly discolored.

U. S. NO. 2.

U. S. No. 2 shall consist of shelled White Spanish peanuts which may be split or broken but which are free from small shriveled or noticeably discolored peanuts and from unshelled, damaged, or moldy peanuts and foreign material.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 1 per cent, by weight, may consist of other varieties of peanuts; not more than 6 per cent, by weight, of small pieces of peanuts, or small shriveled peanuts; not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, by weight, of unshelled, damaged, or moldy peanuts; not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent, by weight, of foreign material; and not more than 1 per cent, by weight, may consist of peanuts with noticeably discolored skins which are otherwise of U. S. No. 2 grade, but of this amount not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ may be badly discolored.

U. S. NO. 3.

U. S. No. 3 shall consist of shelled White Spanish peanuts which do not meet the requirements of the foregoing grades.

DEFINITION OF GRADE TERMS.

As used in these grades—

"Damaged peanuts" means peanuts which are dirty, sour, rancid, or decomposed, or which have been injured in flavor.

"Foreign material" means sticks, stones, dirt, shells, portions of vines or any material other than peanut kernels.

"Split peanuts" means the separated halves of the peanut kernels.

"Broken peanuts" means portions of split peanuts which will not pass through a screen of the type customarily in use, having $\frac{16}{64}$-inch round perforations.

"Small shriveled peanuts" in U. S. No. 1 means peanuts which will pass through a screen of the type customarily in use, having $\frac{15}{64}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch perforations; and in U. S. No. 1 Splits and in U. S. No. 2 means peanuts which will pass through a screen of the type customarily in use, having $\frac{16}{64}$-inch round perforations.

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